

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-36, 42, 43 and 45-48 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner King to Applicant's representative during the July 21, 2005 personal interview. The personal interview is summarized below and thus constitutes Applicant's record of the interview.

Applicant attaches an Information Disclosure Statement with this Amendment. It is requested that the Examiner consider the references in that Information Disclosure Statement and return a completely initialed Form PTO-1449 to Applicant's representative.

An Election of Species was required in this application. Accordingly, Applicant elected Fig. 1. Claims 1, 2, 7-19, 21-36, 42, 43 and 45-48 read on elected Fig. 1. Claims 1, 11, 12, 22-24 and 37 remain generic to all species. Applicant thus retains claims 3-6 and 20 as these claims depend from claim 1. Applicant also requests rejoinder of claims 3-6 and 20 when claim 1 is found to be allowable, because claims 3-6 and 20 depend from claim 1 and would thus be allowable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 9-12, 15, 17, 21, 23, 46 and 47, and the allowance of claims 25-36, 42 and 43. For the reasons discussed below, all of claims 1-36, 42, 43 and 45-48 are allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 22, 24, 45 and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over DE 197 16 404 (DE '404). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

DE'404 fails to disclose a braking system with a valve device having a first state in which pressurized fluid is delivered from two pressurizing chambers of at least two pressurizing chambers to a brake cylinder, and a second state in which the pressurized fluid is delivered from only one of the two pressurizing chambers to the brake cylinder, wherein when the at least two pressurizing pistons move relative to a housing while the valve device is in the second state, the fluid is permitted to be discharged from the only one of the two

pressurizing chambers and delivered to the brake cylinder, but none of the fluid permitted to be discharged from the other of the two pressurizing chambers is permitted to be delivered to the brake cylinder, as recited in claim 1.

As agreed during the personal interview, DE'404's Fig. 3 fails to disclose the braking system of claim 1 because when the pistons 4a, 6a move relative to the housing while the valve 12 is in the closed state, fluid permitted to be discharged from both of the chambers 4, 6 is delivered to the brake cylinder 3.

Accordingly, DE'404 fails to disclose all of the features recited in claim 1 as well as the additional features recited in the dependent claims. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-36, 42, 43 and 45-48 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:  
Information Disclosure Statement

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